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SOCIALIST PICNIC SATURDAY

Candidates Galore and Eloquence Flowed Freely

The White City local of the Socialist party gave a picnic Saturday at White City which was well attended not only by the Socialists but by Democrats from White City, Fort Pierce, Jensen and many other points in the county. An invitation had been extended to the county candidates to be present and address the voters and a number of them availed themselves of the opportunity.

During the forenoon and up to the dinner hour a social mingling of the visitors was indulged in and the candidates who were present were naturally in the mingling. At twelve o'clock dinner was announced and the crowd fell to and did full justice to the many good things to eat provided by the good ladies of White City and other points.

After a sumptuous dinner interest centered in the coming speeches. A debate had been announced on the great trust problem. Rev. E. T. R. Frupp acted as chairman and introduced the subject. The question being "Resolved, that the nation shall own the trusts and the trusts shall not own the nation." Mr. Frupp in his introduction gave the history of trusts and explained their relation to the working man and gave the solution from the Socialist standpoint. During his thirty minutes talk Mr. Frupp settled a much mooted question by stating that the members of the socialist local would not take part in the Democratic primary, but would stick to their principles and cast a ballot in November for the confines of their national election.

B. F. Hardesty of Sebastian, was introduced to talk on the negative side of the question. Mr. Hardesty first gave his candidacy for superintendent of public instruction and then tackled the question. He stated that he cared not whether the Socialists, Democrats, Republicans, Populists or what not broke down the power of the trusts. The object was to do so and he predicted that it was coming soon. He paid a glowing tribute to the manhood of the American citizen and stated that the blood of the past centuries which flowed in the veins of present Americans would rise up and demand political freedom as they had in the past.

Rev. George Seammell was next introduced to present the affirmative. Mr. Seammell championed the cause of the working man and cited incidents and supreme court decisions to show that the laborer could not get a square deal in the Supreme court of the United States, which he claimed was owned bodily by the trusts. He spoke for forty minutes and deeply interested his hearers.

Rev. Frupp next introduced Senator E. M. Hudson, who is a candidate for reelection from this district. The mention of the Senator's name caused considerable applause not only of the hand clapping kind but lusty lungs sent his name echoing through the throngs. Senator Hudson mentioned many points in his record as the people's representative and satisfied his hearers that he had not misused the confidence placed in him and asked the support of the voters on his record in office and told what he would do if returned to the Senate.

Rev. John W. Watson of Miami, who is also a candidate for State Senator, was next introduced. This was Mr. Watson's first appearance on the stump in this section and he made a favorable impression on his hearers, most of whom were strangers to him. Mr. Watson stated that he had been in the House of Representatives for several years and named many things he had voted for during his term in office.

Then followed W. R. Hardee, candidate for Representative, School Superintendent W. J. Nesbitt, County Judge Fred Fee, F. L. Hammings candidate for county judge, Tax Collector O. A. Dutton, and Tax Assessor F. C. Frupp. These speeches were limited to ten minutes each, but all the candidates were able to put forth their statements in a good manner. County Clerk J. E. Fultz, Treasurer J. H. Frupp and candidate Franklin had left

for home when their names were called.

The entire day was most pleasantly spent by candidates and voters and all were thankful to the Socialist Local for a most enjoyable occasion.

Disease Carrying Flies.

Flies are dirty, disease-carrying insects. They have feet, bodies and proboscis suited to conveying filth of all kinds to your tables, your house, your sick room. Their filthy habits are well known to all, and to go into detail would be repulsive, but day after day this filthy fly alights on our bread or milk, our meat our face or lips, without stopping to wash his feet in antiseptic fluid or even to use soap and hot water.

We fight the mosquito, who is a sweet-voiced angel, coming clean and tidy from his home in the rain-barrel, as compared with the dirty housefly, whose ignoble origin is a dung hill. take only puny steps to keep out of the house a few flies, but the mosquito is charged principally with the transmission of yellow fever and malaria, while the fly carries cholera, typhoid fever, consumption, diarrhoea, eye diseases, etc. Then fight the fly. How?

Flies hatch in manure. No reasonably cheap chemical has been found which would prevent this. A fly-tight box into which all manure from horse and cow stables is put every morning will effectually abate this nuisance and danger. Will you do it?

Screening helps but is many times more expensive than would be the other plan. It is unfair, too, that I am compelled to go to the expense of screening out flies grown by my neighbors, but as long as he is allowed the privilege of raising flies ad infinitum ad nauseam, I must of necessity screen them out.

Health officials often tear their hair and shout themselves hoarse about over-grown weeds on a back lot that in themselves are inoffensive or even beneficial to health, or rail against eye-sore dilapidated fences or buildings that directly have no connection with the causation of disease, while they maintain silence as to flies and mosquitoes, both unmitigated and universal nuisances and actual active agents in the dissemination of disease.—Bradford County Medical Society.

Nothing in the Report.

To the voters of St. Lucie county: As the statement is being spread that I am desirous of being elected so that I can have repealed the Abstract law under which St. Lucie county is having the work done, I wish to say that the matter has never entered my mind until the report was called to my attention. Even if I were desirous of doing such a thing and the law could be repealed, it could in no wise effect St. Lucie county. I have no time to devote to such silly talk and can only class this report among others that are being circulated by the mud slingers, as being without the slightest foundation. My time, if elected, will be devoted entirely to the upbuilding of St. Lucie county and not to the pulling down. W. R. HARDEE.

Box Party at White City.

There will be a box party and dance at the White City club house Saturday evening, April 18th. Of late certain parties have been attending the parties at that place and creating a disturbance. For that reason the club has sent out invitations for the 18th and wish the public to understand that every effort will be made for the enjoyment of the guests and no one will be admitted who were not invited, and if any who were invited are found not worthy, they will not receive an invitation to another party.

Mayor Whyte did a good service for the town yesterday when he coupled the fire hose to the ice factory pump and treated Palmetto avenue and Pine street to a shower bath. The streets in the business section were well sprinkled and besides settling the dust it will prove of great benefit to the streets which were suffering from the drought.

Judge A. D. Penney has moved his law office from the Tucker building on Orange avenue to the building of the St. Lucie Drug Company, where he has two rooms nicely fitted up.

THE HEALTH OFFICER'S VISIT

Says Fort Pierce is in Good Sanitary Conditions.

Dr. C. T. Young of Plant City, second assistant Health officer of the State, spent part of Monday and Tuesday in Fort Pierce inspecting the sanitary condition of the city. Dr. Young's visit was in response to a request made by the city council to Dr. Porter State Health Officer to visit our city and report on its condition. Dr. Porter could not come at this time, and Dr. Young came as his representative.

The doctor in company with Mayor Whyte visited all sections of the city and made a thorough examination of worst places in town. Dr. Young in conversation with The News Man stated that his official report would be made to Dr. Porter who would in turn make a statement for the citizens of Fort Pierce. However the doctor stated that the condition of the town along sanitary lines was far above the average town of this size where there is no sewerage system. He complimented the citizens on the interest they take in the matter and commended the city authorities for the manner in which they were handling the situation. Dr. Young also stated that the bucket system, which is in use here, was the most effective plan for keeping the town clean, where there is not a sewerage system.

He said that there need be no fear of any typhoid originating from present conditions. He had not made an analysis of the water but did not consider it as being any cause for fear, for were the water infected the disease would not be confined to one house but spread throughout a district where such water had its source.

This is indeed gratifying news to residents of Fort Pierce for the report has gone abroad that an epidemic of typhoid fever was raging and the fact that there is no cause for such disease in our midst will no doubt quell the disturbed element who are afraid of the condition. That Fort Pierce is in far better sanitary condition than the average towns is due to the fact that a constant hammering has been kept up along this line until our residents were thoroughly awake to the matter and effective work has been done along that line. The health officer expressed himself as agreeably surprised and thoroughly satisfied with conditions.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

Delayed Report of April Meeting of the Board.

County commissioners met in regular session April 6th, 1908. Present C. H. Edwards chairman, P. Kroegel, J. F. Bell, J. H. Baker, with J. E. Fultz, clerk.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

On motion A. D. Penney is requested to see J. R. Parrott and confer concerning taking, etc., at Oslo.

Board took a recess to visit road work on Fort Pierce and Fort Drum road under contract to E. F. Cook.

Board adjourned to meet at 8 a. m. Tuesday and convened at said hour, present C. H. Edwards chairman, P. Kroegel, J. F. Bell and J. H. Baker, with J. E. Fultz clerk and D. S. Carlton, sheriff.

Monthly reports of Justices Laine, Tyler and Baker, received and filed.

Report of J. E. Fultz, clerk of tax reductions and purchases for the month of March 1908, received and filed.

No protest having been filed against the opening of public road recommended by R. D. Hoke, Chas. Segerstrom and F. W. Willes; beginning at the county road where it intersects the section line, run west to the railroad, using Dr. McClinton's fence as the south line of the road, said road to be 12 feet wide, said road is declared a public road and ordered open.

No protest having been filed against the opening of a public road recommended by committee consisting of A. Y. W. Hogg, G. A. Powers and Perry Carlton, commencing at the western terminus of the county road leading from Jennings' saw mill across Five

mile creek thence running in a southerly direction across Ten mile creek to what is known as the "Forked Cabbage" on Eleven mile thence west to the intersection of the Fort Pierce and Fort Drum road at or near Eagle Island, by the nearest and most practical route, and that a part of said petitioners most interested, will build a good and suitable bridge across Ten Mile creek, and open out said road in a proper manner for traveling to a point opposite A. Y. W. Hogg's place, free of expense to St. Lucie county; said road is declared a public road and ordered opened.

Petition of A. M. Sample, R. W. Godfrey et al, praying for the establishment of a public road (which road is now open and being used by the public) viz: beginning on the public road between St. Lucie and Viking, at the southeast corner of land now belonging to A. M. Sample and R. W. Godfrey, in southeast 1/4 of northwest 1/4 of section 28, township 34 south, range 40 east and thence running north on the 1/4 section line to the right of way of the Florida East Coast Railway Co., thence northerly along the west line of said right of way, a sufficient distance to connect with the public road where it is now established along said right of way, said road to be 30 feet wide; was received, and T. D. Summerlin, W. A. Emerson and Astor, Summerlin, are appointed a committee to view, survey and mark out said road and report to this board at its next regular meeting.

On motion P. C. Eldred is allowed \$5.40 to correct error in assessment of personal property.

Letter of R. C. Davis Co., relative to Elliot-Fisher machine, received and after thorough investigation, this board decided that the county is in no way responsible for freight or demurrage on said machine and refuse to pay same.

Report of G. E. Dutton, collector, on licenses and polls collected during the month of March, received.

On motion of Commissioner Bell, permission is granted the East Coast Cattle Co., to construct a gate across the public road, south of Mrs. Alderman's hammock on the Fort Pierce and Fort Drum road, gate to swing both ways and good hitching posts to be set on each side. Ground to be thrown up around the gate a sufficient distance to avoid wetting one's feet in opening and shutting said gate.

On motion the sheriff is allowed \$3.00 each for all hunting licenses collected by him.

Report of John H. Wynn, treasurer, received, paid warrants checked up and found correct as per certificate of cashier of Bank of Fort Pierce attached.

On motion board adjourned to meet at 8 a. m. Wednesday and convened at said hour, present, P. Kroegel, J. F. Bell and J. H. Baker with J. E. Fultz, clerk.

Chairman Edwards being absent, Commissioner Kroegel was elected chairman pro tem.

On motion it is resolved that the proposed special tax levy of five mills for road purposes in the county of St. Lucie, shall depend upon the arrangements that may be made with the transportation company for conveying the road building material to such places as will be necessary. If satisfactory arrangements cannot be effected with the railroad company, the said proposed tax will not be levied.

On motion the clerk is instructed to order a binder for new set of maps being prepared for use of the assessor.

On motion all bids for unloading and spreading rock on roads in third commissioner's district are refused.

A Plea for the Boys and Girls.

The librarian of the Fort Pierce Library invites parents to subscribe for use of the fine juvenile books of history and travel, during the summer vacation so education may progress.

Leap Year Dance.

The Improvement Club will give a Leap Year dance and box party at the hall next Tuesday evening, April 21st. All ladies will be charged fifty cents, gentlemen free, and the ladies will make the engagements for dances and ask all favors. The ladies will also prepare the boxes, but the gentlemen will make the purchases.

OFFICIAL CALL FOR PRIMARY

County Democratic Executive Committee Met Tuesday.

Whereas, the State Democratic Executive Committee has duly called a primary election to be held in each county of the State on May 19, 1908, and a second primary, if necessary on June 16, 1908 for the nomination of all Democratic candidates for office, State and county, to be voted for by the Democratic electors at the general election to be held November 3, 1908, and to be appointed by the Democratic Governor of the State between the date of holding the said primary and the time for holding the primary election in 1910;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Democratic County Executive Committee for St. Lucie county, Florida, hereby calls and provides for the holding of a Democratic primary election to be held in conformity with the call by the State Democratic Executive Committee. Said primary election shall be held in each voting precinct of St. Lucie county on the 19th day of May, 1908, and a second primary, if necessary, on June 16th, 1908, in accordance with such instructions as are given by this committee to the inspectors and clerks of election at said election and agreeable to the laws of Florida, and the terms of the call issued by the State Executive Committee.

The rules governing said primary shall be the same as those adopted by the State Democratic Executive Committee for government of State primary elections so far as the same shall be applicable to the county primary.

Each elector qualified to vote in said primary shall have the right to vote for the nomination of all Democratic candidates, State, Congressional and county, to be voted for by the Democratic electors at the general election to be held November 3, 1908, and to be appointed by the Democratic Governor of the State between the date of holding of such primary and the holding of the primary in 1910.

The following officers are to be nominated at said primary election, and each elector qualified to vote in said primary election shall have the right to vote for

- One candidate for United States Senator.
- One candidate for Representative in Congress.
- Two candidates for Justice of the Supreme Court.
- One candidate for Governor.
- One candidate for Secretary of State.
- One candidate for attorney general.
- One candidate for comptroller.
- One candidate for superintendent of public instruction.
- One candidate for commissioner of agriculture.
- One candidate for railroad commissioner.
- One candidate for adjutant general.
- One candidate for State chemist.
- One candidate for State Senator.
- One candidate for State's attorney for seventh judicial circuit.
- One candidate for member of the House of Representatives.
- One candidate for county judge.
- One candidate for sheriff.
- One candidate for clerk circuit court.
- One candidate for assessor of taxes.
- One candidate for tax collector.
- One candidate for county superintendent of public instruction.
- One candidate for county surveyor.
- One candidate for county treasurer.
- One candidate for supervisor of registration.

Four delegates at large to the national convention from the second congressional district.

A member of the national committee of the party.

One member of the state committee from St. Lucie county.

Five presidential electors.

Each elector in each election precinct in St. Lucie county shall have the right to vote for one member of the Democratic county committee.

Each elector in St. Lucie county shall have the right to vote for three members of the Democratic Senatorial committee (composed of Brevard, St. Lucie and Dade counties.)

Each such elector in the respective

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